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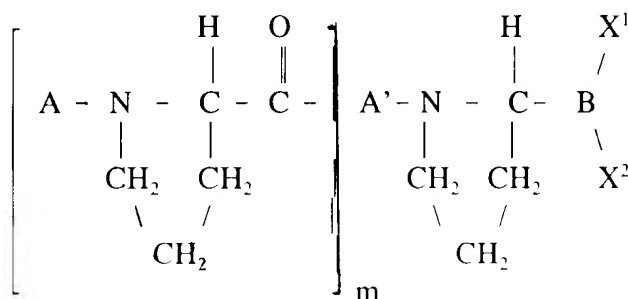
Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 13 as follows:

13. (Twice Amended) An inhibitor of DP-IV, having the structure:



wherein m is an integer between 0 and 10, inclusive; A and A' are L-amino acid residues such that the A in each repeating bracketed unit can be a different amino acid residue;